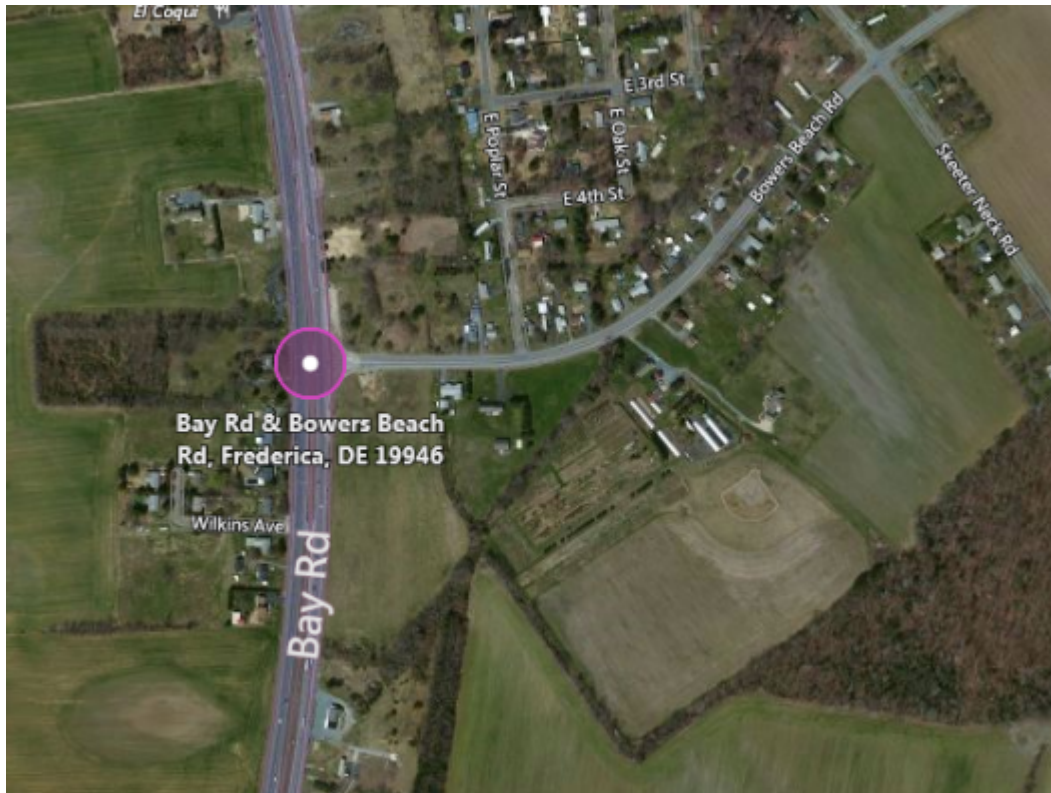


Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Frederica



Frederica-The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred last evening on Bay Road at Bowers Beach Road.

The incident occurred on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at approximately 9:15 p.m. as a 2013 Silver Chevrolet Impala was traveling westbound on Bowers Beach Road approaching the traffic light at Bay Road. A 2016 white Kia Soul was traveling northbound on Bay Road in the right lane approaching the traffic light at Bowers Beach Road. Both vehicles entered the intersection when the Kia struck the Impala in the driver's side door. After the impact, the Impala started to spin off the roadway and struck a concrete barrier with its front end for its final resting place. The Kia also started to spin off the roadway, striking a concrete barrier with its rear bumper for its final resting place.

The operator of the Impala, 57-year-old **Anna D. Tharp**, of Felton was removed from the scene by EMS and transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital where she was pronounced dead shortly after arriving. Tharp was properly restrained and impairment does not appear to be a factor on her behalf at this time.

The operator of the Kia, a 43-year-old man of Essex, MD, and its passengers, a 42-year-old female from Middle River, MD, and a 12-year-old child were all removed from the scene by EMS and transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital. The 43-year-old man and 42-year-old female were both admitted with non-life threatening injuries. The juvenile was treated and released with minor injuries. All occupants were properly restrained and impairment does not appear to be a factor on behalf of the operator at this time.

Bay Road at Bowers Beach Road was closed for approximately 4 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation into this collision remains ongoing by the Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information in reference to this crash is asked to please contact Cpl/3 W. Killen at 302-698-8451.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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